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Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) A beverage dispenser of the type for dispensing beverage into a server, the dispenser comprising:

a housing including a body and an overhanging portion, the overhanging portion extending from the body and defining a dispensing area therebetween, beverage being dispensable from the housing generally in the dispensing area beverage therefrom;

at least one server being positionable in the dispensing area for receiving beverage dispensed from the housing;

an extension substantially protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area and positioned proximate to and extending substantially along at least one side of the at least one server in the dispensing area; and

a void being defined in the dispensing area between the extension and the overhanging portion.

2. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 1, the extension further comprising at least one wall and a top portion, the at least one wall generally positioned proximate to a side of the at least one server, the top portion being positioned generally along a top of the at least one wall and spaced from the overhanging portion.

3. (currently amended) The A beverage dispenser of claim 1, the type for dispensing beverage into a server, the beverage dispenser comprising:

a housing including a body and an overhanging portion, the overhanging portion extending from the body and defining a dispensing area therebetween, beverage being dispensed from the housing proximate the dispensing area;

at least one server being positionable in the dispensing area for receiving beverage dispensed from the housing;

an extension protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area and positioned proximate to the at least one server in the dispensing area;

the extension further comprising at least one wall, the at least one wall generally positioned proximate to a side of the at least one server and spaced from the overhanging portion, a faucet depending from the extension for controllably dispensing water therefrom ; and

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a void being defined in the dispensing area between the extension and the overhanging portion.

4. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 1, further comprising: a pair of servers positionable in the dispensing area for receiving beverage dispensed from the housing; the extension protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area and positioned generally between the servers in the dispensing area; and the void being defined in the dispensing area between an upper portion of the extension, the overhanging portion, and the sides of the servers positioned proximate to the extension.

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5. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 4, further comprising: the void being defined in the dispensing area between an upper portion of the extension, the overhanging portion, and the sides of the servers positioned proximate to the extension with the generally vertical dimension of the void being approximately twice the dimension of a corresponding generally vertical dimension of the extension.

6. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 4, further comprising: a foot being attached to a bottom of the extension for spacing the extension off of a surface on which the dispenser is positioned.

7. (currently amended) The beverage dispenser of claim 4, further comprising: the void being defined in the dispensing area between an upper portion of the extension, the overhanging portion, and the sides of the servers positioned proximate to the extension with the upper portion of the extension generally spaced from an upper portion of the corresponding server for providing space to permit gripping a side of the server facing the extension without interference from the extension.

8. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 4, further comprising: each server having a controllable dispensing faucet for controllably dispensing beverage from the server.

9. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 4, further comprising: each server having a controllable dispensing faucet for controllably dispensing beverage from the server, a faucet depending from the extension for controllably dispensing water therefrom.

10. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 9, further comprising: controllable dispensing faucets on the servers and the faucet depending from the extension being positioned at generally the same height above a surface on which the dispenser is positioned.

11. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 3, the extension further comprising the faucet connected to a hot water source for controllably dispensing hot water therefrom.

12. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 3, the extension further comprising the faucet connected to an ambient water source for controllably dispensing

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ambient temperature water therefrom.

13. (original) The beverage dispenser of claim 3, the extension further comprising the faucet connected to a cold water source for controllably dispensing cold water therefrom.

14. (currently amended) A method of using a beverage dispensing system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a housing including a body and an overhanging portion, the overhanging portion extending from the body and defining a dispensing therebetween, ~~the housing dispensing beverage therefrom~~;

providing at least one server;

positioning the server in the dispensing area;

dispensing beverage from the housing into the server;

providing an extension substantially protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area and positioned proximate to and extending substantially along at least one side of the at least one server in the dispensing area;

providing a void being defined in the dispensing area defined between the extension and the overhanging portion; and

reaching into the void by a user for at least one of servicing, repairing, operating and maintaining the dispenser.

15. (canceled)

16. (canceled)

17. (new) The beverage dispenser of claim 3, the housing further including a funnel removably retained on the overhanging portion of the housing, beverage being dispensed from the funnel generally in the dispensing area.

18. (new) A beverage dispenser of the type for dispensing beverage into a container, the beverage dispenser comprising:

a housing including a body and an overhanging portion, the overhanging portion extending from the body and defining a dispensing area therebetween, beverage being dispensed from the housing proximate the dispensing area;

at least one container being positionable in the dispensing area for receiving

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dispensed beverage;

an extension protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area and positioned proximate to the at least one container in the dispensing area;

a faucet depending from the extension for controllably dispensing liquid therefrom ; and

a void being defined in the dispensing area between a top of the extension and a corresponding portion of the overhanging portion.

19. (new) The beverage dispenser of claim 4, further comprising: a foot being attached to a bottom of the extension for spacing the extension off of a surface on which the dispenser is positioned.

20. (new) The beverage dispenser of claim 18, wherein the extension is positioned proximate to at least one side of the container.

21. (new) The beverage dispenser of claim 18, wherein two containers are positionable under the overhanging portion and the extension is generally positioned extending from the body from a position generally between the two containers.

22. (new) A method of using a beverage dispensing system, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a housing including a body and an overhanging portion, the overhanging portion extending from the body and defining a dispensing therebetween;

providing at least one container for receiving beverage;

positioning the container in the dispensing area;

dispensing beverage from the housing into the container positioned in the dispensing area;

providing an extension protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area and positioned proximate to at least one side of the at least one container in the dispensing area;

providing a void in the dispensing area defined between the extension and the overhanging portion;

providing a faucet depending from the extension;

controllably dispensing liquid from the faucet; and

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reaching into the void by a user for at least one of servicing, repairing, operating and maintaining the dispenser.

23. (new) A beverage dispenser of the type for dispensing beverage into a container, the beverage dispenser comprising:

a housing including a body and an overhanging portion, the overhanging portion extending from the body and defining a dispensing area therebetween, beverage being dispensed from the housing proximate the dispensing area;

at least one container being positionable in the dispensing area for receiving dispensed beverage;

at least one extension protruding from the body of the housing in the dispensing area;

the extension positioned proximate to the at least one container in the dispensing area and providing support to the body; and

a void being defined in the dispensing area between a top of the extension and a corresponding portion of the overhanging portion.

24. (new) The beverage dispenser of claim 23, further comprising a faucet depending from the extension for controllably dispensing liquid therefrom.